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4L, GEORGIA (NEWS). Mamuka, 4L2M, President of The National Association Radioamateurs of Georgia (NARG), informs OPDX the following callsigns are **pirated** stations: 4L2DX, 4L3Q, 4L44N, 4L50K, 4L55K, 4L6HMC and 4L7F. Georgian Amateurs (all stations) using 4L prefixes (4L1, 4L4, 4L6, 4L7 and 4L0) have only 2 letters in their suffix. Extra Class Amateurs and club stations have 1 letter in the suffix with one number (ex. 4L4L, 4L5O, 4L0B). Also, Georgia has a new QSL bureau address: P.O. Box 123, Tbilisi 380 004, Republic of Georgia. DO NOT use the old address: P.O. Box 1 Tbilisi , 380002 GEORGIA.

9Q, ZAIRE. The "DX News Sheet", reports that Pierre, HB9AMO, will be active for two months as **9Q5BQ** from **Kinshasa**. Operation will be on CW on 20 meters with a vertical, but activity on other bands will come soon. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA NEWS. Bob, K4MZU, reports **VP8CTR, HF0POL, EM1KA, EM1U, KC4AAA, KC4USV, R1ANT**, and **R1ANZ** still continue to be active daily on most bands. **CE9OH** is still active daily on 14260 kHz from 2200-2400z. The operator is Juan (and a little Spanish helps!). Nick, **EM1HO**, at **Vernadsky Base** is active on all bands. QSL via I2PJA. **KC4AAC** is heard daily on 14270 from 2300-0100z. Bob also reports he is QSL Manager for these stations and operations: VP8CRE 1995/1996, VP8MS 72/93, VP8MX 1972, KC4/KA7DHE 94/95, KC4/VE7MKZ 94/95, KC4AAB 1972, KC4AAC 1997 (op Craig or Greg only), KC4AAD 1996, KC4AAF 1996, KC4AAG 94/95, KC4USB 94/95/96, KC4USL/am 1997, KC4USV 1995/96 (op Greg only), KC4USX 94/95, R1A/VE0HSS 96/97, KC4/VE0HSS 1996, VE0HSS/am 96/97, and R1ANW 1996 (op Henri only).

BS7, SCARBOROUGH REEF. In a news release by Tim, N4GN, he reports: "Planning for the **BS7H 1997 DXpedition** to **Huang Yan Dao (Scarborough Reef)** is proceeding on schedule. Several team members, including Wang, BA1OK and Kan, JA1BK, met recently in Guangzhou to finalize all details regarding the ship with Captain Wang Jian-xi and his crew. Arrangements were also made for generators, fuel, food and the numerous other supplies necessary to ensure the success of the operation. The BS7H 1997 operating team has now been

finalized: Wang/BA1OK (Team Leader), Gong/BA1DU, Chen/BA4RC, Wang/BD4RX, Jian/BD7JG, Zhang/BG7KW, Kan/JA1BK, Kazuo/JA1RJU, Wayne/N7NG, Jim/W6EU (ex-WA6AUE) and Bob/W6RGG. Brief "bios" on each of the operators will be added to the BS7H 1997 Home Page (http://www.iglou.com/n4gn/sr/) very soon. Recent additions to the Home Page include a map showing the location of Scarborough Reef and a sketch of the reef itself, indicating the rough position of each of the operating sites. Some interesting comments from Bob, NM7M, regarding propagation between Scarborough Reef and the eastern half of the U.S. have also been added to the Home Page. Check it out!"

EA8 & EA9, CANARY ISLANDS AND CEUTA (WPX 20-meter shootout). Pekka, OH1RY, and Martti, OH2BH, have decided to activate **EA8AH** (**Canary Islands**) and **EA9AM** (**Ceuta**) respectfully. Both stations will be running single band 20 meters in the **CQWPX SSB**, and you may catch them to prior the contest which is the weekend of **March 29-30th**. The two well known DXers want to find out "What is the WORLD'S BEST CONTESTING QTH?" Both operators will be seeking your observations about the signals from these two locations particularly at the beginning and closing of the band from your path. These reports can be submitted to either of these two operators as an exchange of immediate QSL and acknowledgement of the report. Those submitting the reports are entitled to comparison report of these two locations based on the CQ WPX data. (excerpts from a OH2BH message)

GU, GUERNSEY. Look for Bob, W7MAE, (ex K7RDH) to be active this week **until April 5th**, as **MU/W7MAE** or **GU/W7MAE**. Operations will be on SSB with some activity on RTTY. Look for him on 20 and 10 meters. QSL to home call.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Ted, HC5K, will be active as **HC8K** on AMTOR, PACTOR, RTTY and SSB. He and another ham will operate on all bands 160-10 meters. Also, there will be some satellite operations. Operations are to commence on **March 23rd** or could be delayed a couple of days because of transportation. He will stay for **about one week**. QSL to: Ted, HC5K/HC8K, P.O.Box DX Cuenca, Equador (South America).

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND. Yuu-san, JA3IG, will be active again from here from **April 16-23rd**. He will be using his new extra class callsign, **KH4/K1NT**. It was reported that negotiations were touch-and-go with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since this is the nesting season for the several million albatrosses that inhabit the island this time of year. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had some concerns about birds inadvertently flying into the radio antennas. The ham antennas which were left on the island from past operations are normally taken down during the nesting season, but will be put backup temporarily for this operation. The main bands for this operation will likely be 80-15 meters. Yuu-san will be looking for Europe on 40 meters from 0430z-0630z. Yuu-san will be using a windom on 40 and 80 meters.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Rich, **KF8UN**, will be **/KP2 from March 26th to April 2nd**. He will be an entry in the **CQWW WPX SSB Contest**. QSL to CBA.

NEW DXAC CHAIRMAN APPOINTED. Well known DXer **Wayne Mills, N7NG**, has been appointed by ARRL President Rod Stafford, KB6ZV, to chair the DXAC. Congratulations to Wayne. By the way, Wayne will be one of the operators to the next BS7 DXpedition (Read BS7).

NH7, HAWAII. Al, **NH7A**, will be on for the **CQWW WPX SSB Contest** on all bands, high

power. He will be looking for Europe on 20 meters 0500-0800z. QSL cards will be shipped from the printer April 10th. QSL this operation and AH7G via N2AU.

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. "The Daily DX" reports that **S0RASD** will be active from **March 27-31st**. Operators include EA2JG, EA3CB, EA3CZM, EA3GBU, EA4TX and S01A. Other operators may include EA1DAV, EA2CNU and EA4AFA. The will be on both SSB and CW. They will participate in **CQWW WPX SSB**. This DXpedition is sponsored by LYNX DX Group.

T2, TUVALU. Bernhard, DL2GAC, plans to be on next weekend (**March 29-30th**). His callsign is currently unknown. QSL to home callsign.

TS, TUNISIA (Attention Prefix Hunters!). It has been reported that Tunisia will be celebrating its 40 years of independence during the period of April 10th to May 10th. On this occasion, a special event station will be on the air as **TS40A**. Delegations from various amateur radio clubs including the DARC will participate in the celebrations. Next week another special callsign (**TS8A**) will be assigned to 3V8BB between **March 26-31st**. This special callsign will be used to celebrate the 8 years of presidency of Mr. Ben Ali. Hrane, YT1AD, will be using this callsign during the **WPX contest**. The newly founded Association of Tunisian Radio Amateurs (ASTRA) is appling for IARU membership, and it will probably take place at the "Ham Radio 1997" fair in Friedrichshafen/Germany in June. ADDED NOTE: Guest operations from 3V8BB may only be authorized by the DARC foreign department after written applications. The DARC coordinates the dates of operation.

USI ALERT. The Ascension DX Group from Gonzales, LA., will be on **Grand Isle, LA**., from **April 11-13th**, operating 24 hours/day. Operators will be Wayne/N5VWM, Don/AA5AT, Joe/KA5RNH, Stew/KB5RZY, Lee/W5ZDW, Richie/W5XV and others to be announced later. Grand Isle counts for IOTA **NA-168** and USI Award LA-003S. Listen for Wayne and Don to activate several NEW islands (about 6-7) for the USI Award in the same area as well. QSL via operators home call or via E-QSL. The operations will take place on all bands CW/SSB. In the weeks coming up, look for Don and Wayne to be activating more new islands from around the state of Louisiana from time to time.

V4, ST. KITTS & NEVIS. The "DXNS" report that Jim, G0IXC, will be active next month between **April 9-30th**, as **V47XC** from **Hurricane Cove**. Activity will be SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters with a dipole and tri-band yagi. QSL to home call.

YM, TURKEY (Attention Prefix Hunter). Thomas/DL3FDU, Felix/DL8OBC/N5BC and Patrick/DL4VBP/N0PS will be active from **Izmir, March 25-31st**. They will take part in the **CQWW WPX SSB Contest** and have the permit to use the special callsign **YM3DL** throughout their stay. Their host in Izmir will be Mustafa, TA3B. They plan to be active outside the contest with operations on all bands 80-10 meters including the WARC bands with a special emphasis on 30 and 40 and 80 meters (160m is still not sure). Although they are aware of the fact that only few DXers need TA as a new one they would be happy to add some bandpoints to your collection. The QSLs for YM3DL go via DL4VBP, direct or via the bureau. If you prefer to send any cards via the postal service, please use only the following address that is also listed correctly in the 1997 Flying Horse callbook as well as in the QRZ callsign database. Please remember: The fee for an airmail letter that is sent outside Europe from Germany is 3 DM; that is about 2 US green stamps.

ZD7, ST HELENA (More activity). **ZD7BG** was heard on 14010 kHz at 2100z. QSL via POB 157, St. Helena. John, ZD7WRG, was heard on 14205 kHz at 1920z.

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